BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR BID

- 1. Use pen and ink to complete the Bid.
- 2. Have you signed and completed the Contract Agreement, Offer & Award Forms?
- 3. As a minimum, the Bidder will submit a Bid Package consisting of the Notice to Contractors, the completed Acknowledgement of Bid Amendments & Submission of Bid Bond Validation Number form, the completed Schedule of Items, 2 copies of the completed Agreement, Offer, & Award form, a Bid Bond or Bid Guarantee, and any other Certifications or Bid Requirements listed in the Bid Book.
- 4. Have you included prices for all Bid Items? ("Zero is not considered a bid price.")
- 5. Have you included a bid guarantee? Acceptable forms are:
 - A. Bid Bond on the Department's prescribed form for 5% of the Bid Amount. (Or forms that do not contain any significant variations from the Department's forms as solely determined by the Department.)
 - B. Official Bank Check, Cashier's Check, Certified Check, U.S. Postal Money Order or Negotiable Certificate of Deposit in the amount stated in the Notice to Contractors.
- 6. If the written Bid is to be sent, Federal Express overnight delivery is suggested as the package is delivered directly to the DOT Headquarters Building in Winthrop. Other means, such as U.S. Postal Services' Express Mail has proven not to be reliable.

AND FOR FEDERAL AID PROJECTS

7. Have you included your DBE Utilization commitment in the proper amounts and signed the DBE Certification?

If you need further information regarding Bid preparation, call the DOT Contracts Section at (207)624-3430.

For complete specifications regarding bidding requirements, refer to Section 102 of the Maine Department of Transportation, Standard Specifications, Revision December 2002.

The Maine Department of Transportation is attempting to improve the way Bid Amendments/Addendums are handled, and allow for an electronic downloading of bid packages from our website, while continuing to maintain a planholders list.

Prospective bidders, subcontractors or suppliers who wish to download a copy of the bid package and receive a courtesy notification of project specific bid amendments, must provide an email address to Diane Barnes at the MDOT Contracts mailbox at:

MDOT.contracts@maine.gov. Each bid package will require a separate request. Please provide us an email address, so we can maintain the planholders list that both the industry and MDOT uses.

Additionally, the new Acknowledgement of Bid Amendment form will be placed in MDOT bid packages beginning with the 2/12/03 advertisements. After that date, interested parties will be responsible for reviewing and retrieving the Bid Amendments from our web site, and acknowledging receipt and incorporating those Bid Amendments in their bids.

The downloading of bid packages from the MDOT website is <u>not</u> the same as providing an electronic bid to the Department. Electronic bids must be submitted via http://www.BIDX.com. For information on electronic bidding contract Rebecca Pooler at rebecca.pooler@maine.gov.

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Bid Guaranty-Bid Bond Form

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESEN	NTS THAT						
, of the	City/Town of	and State of					
as Principal, and		as Surety, a					
Corporation duly organized under the laws	of the State of	and having a usual place of					
Business in	and hereby held and firmly bound unto the Treasurer of						
the State of Maine in the sum of	for payment which Principal and Surety bind						
themselves, their heirs, executers, administ							
The condition of this obligation is that the	Principal has submi	tted to the Maine Department of					
Transportation, hereafter Department, a cer	rtain bid, attached he	ereto and incorporated as a					
part herein, to enter into a written contract	for the construction	of					
	and if the	ne Department shall accept said bid					
and the Principal shall execute and deliver	a contract in the for	m attached hereto (properly					
completed in accordance with said bid) and	l shall furnish bonds	s for this faithful performance of					
said contract, and for the payment of all pe	rsons performing la	bor or furnishing material in					
connection therewith, and shall in all other	respects perform th	ne agreement created by the					
acceptance of said bid, then this obligation	shall be null and vo	oid; otherwise it shall remain in full					
force, and effect.							
Signed	and sealed this	day of20					
WITNESS:		PRINCIPAL:					
		By					
		By:					
		By:					
WITNESS		SURETY: By					
		By:					
		Name of Local Agency:					

For security and other reasons, all Bid Packages which are mailed, shall be provided in double (one envelope inside the other) envelopes. The *Inner Envelope* shall have the following information provided on it:

Bid Enclosed - Do Not Open

PIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor with mailing address and telephone number:

In Addition to the usual address information, the *Outer Envelope* should have written or typed on it:

Double Envelope: Bid Enclosed

PIN:

Town:

Date of Bid Opening:

Name of Contractor:

This should not be much of a change for those of you who use Federal Express or similar services.

Hand-carried Bids may be in one envelope as before, and should be marked with the following infrormation:

Bid Enclosed: Do Not Open

PIN:

Town:

Name of Contractor:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE CONTRACTOR'S DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE UTILIZATION PLAN

The Contractor Shall:

- 1. Submit a completed <u>Contractor's Disadvantaged Business</u> <u>Enterprise Utilization Plan</u> to the Contract's Engineer by 4:30 P.M. on the Bid day.
- 2. Extend equal opportunity to MDOT certified DBE firms (as listed in MDOT's DBE Directory of Certified Businesses) in the selection and utilization of Subcontractors and Suppliers.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FORM:

Insert Contractor name, the name of the person(s) preparing the form, and that person(s) telephone and fax number.

Provide total Bid price, Federal Project Identification Number, and location of the Project work.

In the columns, name each DBE firm to be used, provide the Unit or Item cost of the Work/Product to be provided by the DBE firm, give a brief description of the Work, and the dollar value of the Work.

If no DBE firm is to be utilized, the Contractor must document the reason(s) why no DBE firms are being used. Specific supporting evidence of good faith efforts taken by Contractors to solicit DBE Bidders must be attached. This evidence, as a minimum, includes phone logs, e-mail and/or mail DBE solicitation records, and the documented results of these solicitations.

The Department has revised the <u>Disadvantaged Business</u> <u>Enterprise Proposed Utilization</u> form and the procedure that has been used for the past several months for Contractors to submit the form.

The Apparent Low Bidder now must submit the form by close of Business (4:30 P.M.) on Bid day.

The new <u>Contractor's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u> <u>Proposed Utilization Plan</u> form contains additional information that is required by USDOT.

The <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Utilization</u>
<u>Plan</u> form will no longer be used. The new <u>Contractor's</u>
<u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Utilization Plan</u>
form must be used.

A copy of the new <u>Contractor's Disadvantaged Business</u> <u>Enterprise Proposed Utilization Plan</u> and instructions for completing it are attached.

Note: Questions about DBE firms, or to obtain a printed copy of the DBE Directory, contact Equal Opportunity at (207) 624-3066.

MDOTs DBE Directory of Certified firms can also be obtained at http://www.state.me.us/mdot/humnres/o_equalo/cdwbed_h.htm

State of Maine Department of Transportation

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Date		Time	
Information Requested:	PIN:		
		Phone: () Fax: ()	
		the number listed in the Notice to	
Response:			
Response By		Date:	

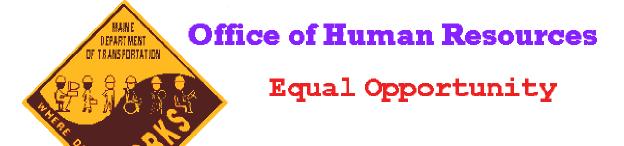
Bidders:

Please use the attached "Request for Information" form when faxing questions and comments concerning specific Contracts that have been Advertised for Bid. Include additional numbered pages as required.

CONTRACTOR'S DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROPOSED UTILIZATION PLAN

Low Bidder shall furnish completed form to Contracts Section by 4:30 P.M. on Bid Opening day.

то:	D: MDOT Contracts Section 16 State House Station, Augusta, Me 04333-0016 or Fax: 207-624-3431			Contractor: Prepared by: Telephone:Fax:					
BID J	PRICE: \$	FEDERAI	. PROJEC	Т #	LOCATION: _				
TOTAL DBE PARTICIPATION AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL BID PRICE =%									
	DBE Firm*	Unit/Item Cost	Unit #		tion of work & m Number	Actual \$ Value			
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If no DBE firm(s) are used, bidder must document efforts made to secure DBE participation and attach supporting evidence of this effort: Examples: Bidder relies wholly upon low quote subcontractor section, DBE firm(s) were not low quote. No DBE firms bid. *Only DBE firms certified by MDOT prior to bidding can be utilized by Contractor for DBE credit. Directory of certified DBEs is available on MDOT's website: www.state.me.us/mdot									
Equal Opportunity Use: Plan received// Verified by: Action:									



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Certified Disadvantaged and Women Business Enterprise

DBE DIRECTORY - MINORITY OWNED

WBE DIRECTORY - WOMEN OWNED

WEBSITE FOR DIRECTORY CAN BE FOUND AT: http://www.state.me.us/mdot/humnres/o equalo/cdwbed h.htm

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to access the DBE Directory at this site in order to have the most current listings.